

## ABSTRACT

The invention comprises methods and apparatus for implementing a trader service. The present invention involves creating a trader service, preferably compliant with the CORBA CosTrader Specification, where the trader service is arranged to store persistent information using a directory service. This aspect involves creating a storage mechanism comprising a directory service, preferably a directory service compliant with LDAP version 2, which is arranged to store the persistent information for the trader service. An additional embodiment may be implemented by creating a data store interface for interacting with the directory service, wherein such interaction comprises the use of protocol compliant with LDAP version 2.